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SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONFERENCE IN VIENNA - SUGGESTED
SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE SUBJECTS PARIS AND CONSTIT-
UENT POSTS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DISCUSSED AT VIENNA CON-
SULAR CONFERENCE:

2. GENERAL

CONSULAR PACKAGE, ESPECIALLY ITS RELATIONSHIP TO
POLICY ASSESSMENT AND RESOURCES STATEMENT AND EXTENT TO
WHICH IT IS REALISTICALLY CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ADDITION-
AL RESOURCES TO DEAL WITH ANTICIPATED INCREASES IN
DEMAND FOR STATUTORY SERVICES, ESPECIALLY NIV'S, OVER
THE COMING YEARS.

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3. CITIZENSHIP AND NATIONALITY

A. CRITERIA TO BE USED IN DETERMINING WHETHER
PERSONS LOSE THEIR NATIONALITY UNDER SECTION 349(A)(L)
OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT, OR MORE SPECI-
FICALLY WHAT SORT OF ACTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES CAN BE
CONSIDERED TO OUTWEIGH THE "HIGHLY PERSUASIVE EVIDENCE"

THAT NATURALIZATION IN A FOREIGN STATE CARRIES WITH IT
AN INTENT TO RELINQUISH AMERICAN NATIONALITY. AS IT
BECOMES MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT FOR NON-COMMON MARKET
FOREIGNERS TO OBTAIN WORK PERMITS IN FRANCE WE ARE
GETTING MORE INQUIRIES FROM AMERICANS AS TO WHAT WOULD
BE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THEIR AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP IF
THEY WERE TO ACQUIRE FRENCH NATIONALITY.

B. EXAMINATION OF WAYS IN WHICH EXPERTISE ON
CITIZENSHIP AND NATIONALITY COULD BE UPGRADED AT
EUROPEAN POSTS, ESPECIALLY THE SMALLER ONES WHICH DO
NOT HAVE FULL-TIME CITIZENSHIP OFFICERS. AMERICANS HAVE
COMPLAINED THAT THEY DO NOT GET CORRECT OR CONSISTENT
INFORMATION ON CITIZENSHIP MATTERS AT POSTS
THROUGHOUT EUROPE.

C. STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS ON CITIZENSHIP
AND NATIONALITY. AMONG OTHER THINGS, ANY CHANGES IN THE
OFFING REGARDING THE TRANSMISSION OF CITIZENSHIP BY UNWED
AMERICAN FATHERS?

D. THE PROBLEM OF LOST PASSPORTS, ESPECIALLY
DELAYS IN VERIFYING IDENTITY AND CITIZENSHIP FOR
REPLACEMENT PASSPORTS. CONSULAR OFFICERS ARE SOMETIMES
FACED WITH CHOOSING BETWEEN APPLYING LIBERAL CRITERIA IN
DETERMINING CITIZENSHIP OR FACING VOCIFEROUS ADVERSE
PUBLIC REACTION.

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E. REQUESTS FOR "SECOND" PASSPORTS TO OVERCOME
VARIOUS POLITICAL AND BUREAUCRATIC IMPEDIMENTS TO
TRAVEL. THERE APPEARS TO BE A LACK OF UNIFORMITY IN THE
WAY VARIOUS POSTS LIMIT THE SECOND PASSPORT AND IN THEIR
INTERPRETATION OF CA-4849 OF AUGUST 29, 1969.

F. PERSONAL APPEARANCES FOR PASSPORTS. UNDER
WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES CAN THEY BE WAIVED? WHAT PROCEDURES
SHOULD BE FOLLOWED?

4. VISAS

A. WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR AMENDING THE
IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT, ESPECIALLY 2L2(A)(28)
WHERE AS REGARDS COMMUNISTS (AT LEAST IN FRANCE) THE
EXCEPTION (I.E. WAIVER) HAS BECOME THE RULE, THUS
RENDERING THIS SECTION OF THE LAW UNHONORED AND OUT-
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DATED?

B. WAYS TO COPE WITH INCREASING INS WORKLOAD. IS
IT STILL PRACTICABLE TO OPERATE THROUGH REGIONAL OFFICES
IN EUROPE OR SHOULD PERMANENT RESIDENT INS OFFICERS BE
ASSIGNED TO MAJOR POSTS LIKE PARIS?

C. HANDLING OUT-OF-DISTRICT CASES. A COMPARISON
OF WAYS IN WHICH DIFFERENT POSTS HANDLE THESE MIGHT
PROVE USEFUL AND LEAD TO MORE HARMONIZATION IF THAT IS
NEEDED.

5. PROTECTION AND WELFARE

A. STATUS OF CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION INTO
HANDLING OF MISSING U.S. CITIZENS AROUND THE WORLD AND
STEPS DEPARTMENT ENVISAGES TO PROVIDE MORE EXTENSIVE
GUIDANCE ON THIS SUBJECT.

B. REVISION OF 7 FAM 800. THE PRISONER HANDBOOK
APPEARS AS FIRST IN A SERIES OF CATEGORY BY CATEGORY
REVISIONS. OTHER MATERIAL, FOR EXAMPLE NOTARIALS, NEEDS
TO BE UPDATED.
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